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## *Corrections News*

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Kennett CSC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22 at 10 a.m.

The average stay in a CSC is 45 days at a cost of about \$3,060 per offender.

The CSCs are designed to divert offenders who would have returned to prison for a 120-day treatment program (\$4,945 per offender) or revoked to prison for an average of 14 months (\$17,308 per offender).

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### Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Kennett CSC Set for Tuesday

State, county and local leaders will join Missouri Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford Tuesday, July 22 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Kennett Community Supervision Center (CSC). The site is at 1401 Laura Drive. The 10:00 a.m. ceremony will be open to the news media.

"The Department of Corrections is committed to the safety and security of our communities, and this newest Community Supervision Center is another tool helping our staff to achieve that goal," Crawford said. "We look forward to the benefits a CSC will bring to Kennett and the surrounding area."

Crawford, Missouri Probation and Parole (P&P) District 23 Administrator Melissa Bergman, and the Honorable Stephen R. Sharp, 35<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Presiding Judge, among others, will speak at the event. U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson, State Representative Terry Swinger, State Representative Tom Todd and State Senator Robert Mayer have been invited, along with leaders from Kennett and the surrounding area.

Missouri's Probation and Parole Board has completed CSCs in Farmington, St. Joseph and Hannibal. Kennett will be the fourth CSC in operation. This year, Governor Matt Blunt recommended and the Legislature approved \$2,067,809 for the next phase of CSCs, which included funding to complete Kennett's CSC. Construction continues on the Fulton CSC, and CSCs are also planned for Poplar Bluff and Kansas City.

Community Supervision Centers are designed to reduce the prisoner growth rate by working to insure that only chronic, violent and repeat offenders are incarcerated in Missouri's 20 state prisons. CSCs serve as transitional housing units where offenders are required to work, attend school, attend treatment and fulfill other obligations ordered by the Board or the courts. The availability of such a facility in Kennett allows for intensive supervision and treatment for offenders who are already in the community, who are at risk. The CSC includes dormitory-housing space for about 30 probationers or parolees in need of structured residential supervision, an administrative area to accommodate the existing P&P District 23 offices as well as program/classroom areas.

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